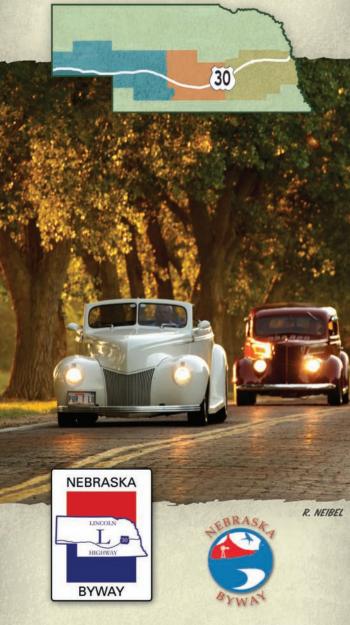
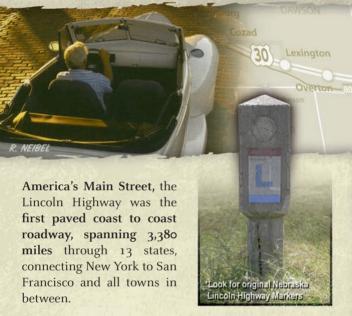
# TOUR NEBRASKA'S LINCOLN HIGHWAY SCENIC & HISTORIC BYWAY



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# LINCOLN HIGHWAY SCENIC AND HISTORIC BYWAY!



In 1915, the Lincoln Highway was a bold, innovative plan, mapped across the U.S., yet years from being fully paved. There were sections of dirt, sand and even pasture, marked only by posts, poles and hand-written signs; travel was a monumental undertaking.

But once the idea of traveling independently became a reality there was no holding America back. The freedom of the open road was intoxicating and for five decades, before the development of the Interstate system, the Lincoln Highway was indeed America's very busy Main Street, with Nebraska right in the center.

Today, the Lincoln Highway Scenic & Historic Byway lets you glimpse into the past and relive some of the adventure of this significant era, when a roadway first linked America from coast to coast... and Nebraska from border to border. It's time to rediscover the open road and enjoy the Lincoln Highway.

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## EASTERN REGION

Attractions and more...



#### **Omaha/Douglas County**

Omaha Visitors Center 1001 Farnam Street, Omaha (402)444-4660 | www.visitomaha.com

#### Henry Doorly Zoo

I-80 Exit 454 | (402)733-8401 The Henry Doorly Zoo features the world's largest indoor desert, rainforest and nocturnal exhibit, as well as the Scott Aquarium, Orangutan Forest, Gorilla Valley, Cat Complex, Bear Canyon and more.



Henry Doorly Zoo

#### Joselyn Art Museum

2200 Dodge Street | (402)342-3300 Joselyn is Nebraska's largest art museum, and has been named one of the 10 best art museums in the nation for children.

#### **Blair/Washington County**

Blair Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Center 1646 Washington Street, Blair (402)533-4455 | www.blairchamber.org

#### **DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge**

5 miles East on US Hwy 30 | (712)642-4121 The Refuge provides a haven for wildlife along the Missouri River. The visitor's center houses a collection of 1865-era artifacts from the wreckage of the Bertrand steamboat.

#### Fremont/Dodge County

Fremont/Dodge County Visitors Center 1420 East Military Avenue, Fremont (402)727-8323 | www.fdcvb.org

#### Louis E. May Historical Museum

1643 North Nye Avenue | (402)721-4515 The museum is a Victorian mansion that houses the Dodge County Historical Society.

#### Nebraska Railroad Museum and Fremont & Elkhorn Valley Railroad

1835 North Somers Avenue (402)727-0615 This stretch of rail is a 16mile excursion through scenic Elkhorn Valley, in a dieselpowered train featuring vintage and climate-controlled coaches.



Fremont & Elkhorn Vally Railroad

#### North Bend/Dodge County

City of North Bend/Visitors Center 607 Main Street, North Bend (402)652-3584 | www.northbendne.org

#### Veterans Memorial Park

9th & Main Streets | (402)652-3584 The park honors all veterans who have served in the Armed Forces, with bronze sculptures representing various military branches.



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#### Schuyler/Colfax County

Schuyler Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Center 1107 B Street, Schuyler (402)352-5472 | www.ci.schuyler.ne.us

#### St. Benedict Center & Benedictine Mission House

4 miles north on NE Hwy 15 | (402)352-8819 St. Benedict is a retreat and conference center, and an architectural masterpiece decorated with artwork from around the world.



St. Benedict Cente

#### **Columbus/Platte County**

Columbus/Platte County Visitors Center 764 33rd Avenue, Columbus (402)564-2769 | www.visitcolumbusne.com



#### A.J. Higgins Memorial

#### **Andrew Jackson Higgins National Memorial**

2001 A.J. Higgins Road (402)564-2769 The memorial includes a full-size replica of a Higgins boat, steel from the World Trade Center, freedom eagle, memorial wall and life-size bronze soldiers.

#### Pawnee Plunge Water Park

560 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue | (402)562-4269 The park features zero-depth entry, splash play area, numerous slides, lazy river and food court.

#### **Central City/Merrick County**

Central City Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Center 1515 17th Street, Central City (308)946-3897 | www.centralcityne.org

#### **Merrick County Historical Museum**

211 E Street, Central City | (308)946-2757 The museum is housed in the gorgeous Traver mansion, and features colorful accounts of city and county history.

## CENTRAL REGION

Attractions and more...

#### **Grand Island/Hall County**

Grand Island/Hall County Visitors Center 2424 S. Locust Street, Suite C, Grand Island (800)658-3178 | (308)382-4400 www.visitgrandisland.com | info@visitgrandisland.com

#### **Stuhr Museum**

US Hwys 281 & 34 (308)385-5316 One of the nation's top ten living history museums - 200 acres includes permanent indoor



Stuhr Museum

exhibits in Stuhr Building and Fonner Rotunda, plus Railroad Town... bringing history to life.

#### **Island Oasis Water Park**

321 East Fonner Road | (308)385-5381 | (308)385-5444

The largest water park between Lincoln and Denver, offers six acres of super fun for the whole family.



Island Oasis Water Park

#### Fonner Park & Heartland Events Center

700 East Stolley Park Road | (308)382-4515



concerts, live thoroughbred horse racing and more, this is your ticket to entertainment.

With special events,

#### Townsley-Murdock Immigrant Trail Site

North of I-80, Alda, Exit 305 | (800)658-3178 This 2.4 acre site contains the region's last-known Mormon Trail wagon ruts known as swales; First recorded by the original 'Pioneer Company of Mormons' led by Brigham Young.

#### Kearney & Grand Island Sandhill Crane Migration

(800)658-3178 Discover one of the wonder's of the natural world as nearly 500,000 sandhill cranes gather in the Platte Valley from

mid-February to mid-April.



Sandhill Crane

#### **Kearney/Buffalo County**

Kearney/Buffalo County Visitors Center 1007 2nd Avenue, Kearney (800)652-9435 | (308)237-3178 www.visitkearney.org | info@visitkearney.org

#### **Great Platte River Road Archway**

3060 East 1st Street | (877)511-ARCH

This fantastic eight-story museum offers a self-guided audio tour featuring the Lincoln Highway and other trails West.



Great Platte River Archway

#### Frank House

University of Nebraska-Kearney campus | (308)865-8284 Tour this restored mansion, built by G.W. Frank, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.



#### Trails & Rails Museum/Buffalo County Historical Society

Traces the history of transportation through Buffalo County on the site where Mormon Trails once passed.

#### **Lexington/Dawson County**

Lexington Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Center 302 East 6th Street, Suite 2, Lexington (308)324-5504 | www.visitlexington.org

#### **Dawson County Historical Museum**

805 North Taft Street, Lexington | 308-324-5340 Columbian mammoth, baby biplane, quilt collection, period rooms, farm machinery, log cabin, glassware, Wheels of Progress exhibit tells of the Union Pacific Railroad, Telegraph and the Lincoln Highway/US Hwy 30. Archives, library, depot and gift shop. Open Mon. - Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday by appointment.

#### **Heartland Museum of Military Vehicles**

I-80 Exit 237 and US Hwy 283 | (308)324-6329 See, touch and even sit in some of the vehicles which date from World War II. Vehicles are restored to working order and sometimes taken out for a drive. Weapons, uniforms, equipment, photos, a gift shop and more await you. Free admission.



Heartland Museum of Military Vehicle

#### Cozad/Dawson County

Cozad Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Center 135 West 8th Street, Cozad | (308)784-3930 www.cozadnebraska.net

#### **Original UP Depot**

Meridian and Hwy 30, Cozad | (308)784-2804



Original UP Depot

This original UP depot, contains many of its original items, and is located on the Lincoln Highway. It is situated on the 100th meridian, an important demarcation line where "the humid east meets the arid west."

#### **Gothenburg/Dawson County**

Gothenburg Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Center 1021 Lake Avenue, Gothenburg | (800)482-5520 www.gothenburgdelivers.com

#### **Pony Express Stations**

Ehmen Park, 15th & Lake Avenue | (800)482-5520 Relive history when you stop in Gothenburg, home to

two Pony Express Stations – the Midway, on its original ranch site south of town, and the Sam Macchette station. This free attraction is open April 1 - Oct. 31.



Pony Express Station

## **WESTERN REGION**

Attractions and more ...



#### North Platte/Lincoln County

North Platte/Lincoln County Visitors Center 219 South Dewey, North Platte (308)532-4729 | (800)955-4528 | www.visitnorthplatte.com

#### Golden Spike Tower & Visitor Center

1249 Homestead Road | (308)660-3776

www.goldenspiketower.com
See a panoramic view of
Union Pacific's Bailey Yard, the
world's largest railroad yard,
and the sweeping Platte River
Valley. The Visitor Center
includes railroad memorabilia
and a well stocked gift shop.
Open year-round.



Golden Spike Tower & Visitors Center

#### **Lincoln County Historical Museum**

2403 North Buffalo Bill Avenue | (308)534-5640 The museum houses the famous World War II Canteen exhibit, which tells the story of local volunteers who



Lincoln County Historical Museum

served more than six million servicemen and women during World War II. A western prairie village, complete with homes, schools, churches and railway depot is located behind the museum.

#### **Cody Park Train Museum**

1400 North Jeffers, North Platte, Cody Park
The only Challenger 3900 series steam locomotive on
public display, accompanied by a 6900 series diesel locomotive. These two locomotives have a combined horsepower of more than 12,000! Also on display is a fully
restored railroad depot, several rail cars, a caboose and
railroad memorabilia.

#### **Ogallala/Keith County**

Ogallala/Keith County Visitors Center 204 East A, Ogallala (308)284-4066 | (800)658-4390 | www.visitogallala.com

#### Lake McConaughy

Located 9 miles North of Ogallala Fishing has long been the primary lure to Nebraska's largest reservoir, with clear, deep water and over 100 miles of white sandy beach.



Lake McConaughy

#### **Boot Hill Cemetery**

West 10th Street & Parkhill Dr. This is the final resting place for many cowboys, drifters, and settlers (most buried with their boots on) who helped make Ogallala a booming cow town in the 1800s.



Boot Hill Cemetary

#### **Petrified Wood Gallery**

525 East Highway 30, Ogallala | (308)284-9996 A prize-winning collection of hand-crafted art work specializing in ancient woods, fossils and many rare pieces of petrified wood - some millions of years old, collected by twin brothers Howard & Harvey Kenfield for over 45 years. Open year-round.

#### Chappell/Big Springs/Duel County

(308)874-9912 | www.chappellne.org

#### **Chappell Memorial Library**

289 Babcock Avenue

The library houses a large Nebraska rock exhibit, and the art collection of Mrs. Charles Henry Chappell, wife of the town's founder, including paintings from famous Nebraska artist, Aaron Gunn Pyle.

#### **Big Springs Natural Spring**

Located at Swimming Pool Park, this natural spring was used in the late 1800s to supply water to the railroad, and is in working order today. Big Springs is also site of the Sam Bass train robbery.

#### Sidney/Cheyenne County

658 Glover Road, Sidney Sidney/Cheyenne County Visitors Center (308)254-4030 | (866)545-4030 www.cheyennecountychamber.com

#### Cabela's

One Cabela Drive, Sidney | (308)254-7889 This world famous outfitter offers entertaining and educational displays, a museum quality trophy animal diorama, giant aquarium and a towering Conservation mountain.

#### Fort Sidney Museum & Post Commanders Home

1108 6th Avenue, Sidney, NE | (866)545-4030 Original buildings built in 1869 as part of the "Sidney Barracks" still remain to house a museum and to show how life was lived by the soldiers guarding the railroad workers. Open Memorial Day thru Labor Day or by appointment.

#### Potter Sundry/Duckpin Bowling Alley

324 Chestnut Street, Potter | (308)879-4548 Home of the "Tin Roof Sundae" this old fashioned soda fountain is home to what is believed to be the only working duckpin bowling alley west of the Mississippi.

#### Kimball/Kimball County

Kimball/Kimball County Visitors Center 122 South Chestnut, Kimball (308)235-3782 | www.ci.kimball.ne.us

#### High Point of Nebraska

View Nebraska's spectacular wide open spaces at this beautiful natural attraction located 30 minutes Southwest of Kimball. Open year round.

#### Four Winds Golf Course

At nearly 5000 feet, this 18-hole championship golf course is the highest in Nebraska.



Four Winds Golf Course

## **WESTERN REGION** NE/WY Border to Brady

#### Kimball (Pop. 2,299) **(1) (1) (1) (2) (2) (3)**

In 1913, the year the Lincoln Highway began, Kimball County had 32 automobiles. By September 1914, every fifth telephone pole in the county carried the Lincoln Highway logo. The route through



town is still marked today with metal Lincoln Highway signs. The Wheat Growers Hotel was built in 1918 and was considered the most glamorous hotel between Omaha and Denver. Dwight Eisenhower stayed there in 1919 during his historic military trip across the Lincoln Highway. With 86 rooms, a restaurant and ballroom, the hotel became the hub for railroad travelers and locals alike. The building is under renovation.

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A descendant of the original owner has carefully converted an early 1920's Conoco service station into an antique shop. The Lincoln Highway route is marked through town with metal Lincoln Highway signs.





### Sidney (Pop. 6,372) **(1)** ¶ **(1) (2)** ★ **(**

Dude's Steak House opened in 1952 and remains authentic, with old west murals on the inside walls and western décor throughout. Historic downtown Sidney has many preserved buildings from the Lincoln Highway era. Both the Carnegie Library and the post office are still in use. The route is marked through town with metal Lincoln Highway signs.

### Lodgepole (Pop. 368)

The historic opera house building is closed, but the building's rustic appearance and old signage take you back to another time. A descendant of the owner of the old Finch's Drug and Sundries now operates an antique store from the site.

#### **Chappell** (Pop. 944) **↑ ↑ ★ ▲**

The barbershop downtown has a Lincoln Highway display, and the old route is marked through town with metal signs. The 20-mile stretch from Chappell to Big Springs is known for its beautiful, unchanged scenery.



Completely renovated, the Phelps Hotel once again welcomes visitors for special occasions, including use of the coffee shop and sleeping rooms.

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The utility poles are painted with Lincoln Highway signs to show the old Lincoln Highway route through town - the traditional way of marking the route.

**LEGEND** 

Food

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Lodging

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A Standard Oil Red Crown filling station in 1922, the historic Spruce Street Station is graced with pumps from the 1930's. Owned by the city, the completely renovated station is a visitor's center during the summer, with a garage available year-round for groups and gatherings.



Central Region

Eastern Region

Rivers and Lakes

Lincoln Highway

Original Lincoln Highway

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9, 1933, which is the day prohibition ended. For over 50 years Ole traveled the world in search of trophy game. Today, over 200 mounts adorn the wall of this famous family eatery with memorabilia from the 30's, 40's and 50's.



North Platte (Pop. 24,386) **↑** | **1** | **2** ★ **△** 

A popular attraction today, the old Lincoln Highway took tourists by Buffalo Bill State Historical Park in North Platte. Cody's beautiful ranch and home were built during the heyday of his Wild West Show and are home to the historic Fox Theater.



Follow the Old Lincoln Highway street signs south of the railroad tracks and west out of town to follow the original route. Fort McPherson, Nebraska's only national cemetary and one of America's most beautiful, is located two miles south of I-80 Exit 190. Fort McPherson once guarded the Oregon Trail.

## Gothenburg (Pop. 3,746) **① T** ☐ ☐ ★ ▲

Located in Ehmen Park, the Pony Express Station was as popular during the Lincoln Highway era as it is today. The Gothenburg berm, a nationally significant piece of the remaining "stair steps," is located one mile south of I-80, connecting with Highway 47. Since there was no bridge over the Platte River west of Gothenburg for many years, the Lincoln Highway turned south at Gothenburg and followed a stair step of roads to North Platte. The historic stair steps can be followed on the road map today. Also visit the Gothenburg Historical Museum located across from Ehmen Park at 15th and Ave. F.





Cozad (Pop. 4,163) **↑ || [1] □ ★ ▲** 

The Robert Henri Museum commemorates the world-renowned artist for whom it is named. Robert Henri was the son of Cozad's founding father, John J. Cozad. The building, built by the Cozad family more than a century ago, was Henri's childhood home. When the family left, it served Lincoln Highway travelers as the Hendee Hotel. Located next door is the 100th Meridian Museum which was once a Lincoln Highway car garage.

CENTRAL REGION

Gothenburg to Grand Island

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See the Lincoln Highway exhibit in the Dawson County Historical Museum

#### Overton (Pop. 665)

Quarter mile east of Overton, between Highway 30 and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, is an old Lincoln Highway concrete bridge with a logo painted on the outside wing wall.

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On the east edge of town are several buildings with red tile roofs from the former Red Top Cabin Camp.



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Elkhorn (Pop. 5,209) | 1

Clarks (Pop. 379) | 1

**Duncan** (Pop. 387) | 1

The Oak Ballroom was built as a Works Program Administration (WPA) project during the depression and is known for its hand-

The Elkhorn Bricks, a 3.6 mile stretch of 1920 brick road east

of Elkhorn, may be the most famous brick street in America. It

is well worth the time to drive this significant piece of original

at 168th St., turn west onto Burt Plaza and then north onto the

markers and signs painted on utility poles mark the old route

through town, and an original pony truss bridge remains over

West Papillion Creek. The interior of Boyd and Charlies BBQ

along the route resembles an old time saloon.

The Lincoln Highway route through Omaha

follows Dodge Road and Dodge Street to the I-480

interchange. "He ain't heavy, he's my brother." One

of Nebraska's top attractions, the Boys Town campus

shares the history of Father Flanagan's dream to care

Lincoln Highway entrance to the village of Boys Town so boys who

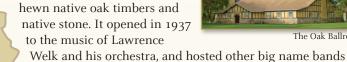
were walking there to find a home would be able to locate it easier.

for America's children. In 1949, Fr. Flanagan had a

pylon built with 'Boys Town' in large letters at the

Old Lincoln Highway, 174<sup>th</sup> St. Several cement Lincoln Highway

Lincoln Highway. To access the old brick section, exit Dodge Road





including Guy Lombardo, Jan Garber, Ray Pearl, Gene Krupa and Tex Beneke. Tours available by appointment. Two blocks of original Lincoln Highway bricks laid in 1923 can be found on B Street, just past 14th Street, and A Street bricks between 10th and 11th Street are original to the

EASTERN REGION

Central City to Omaha

Built in 1912, the Merrick County Court House housed the first meeting in the United States to

ratify the Lincoln Highway proclamation in 1913. It was also the last. The Lincoln Manor Steak

A large Lincoln Highway mural is painted on the side of a veterinary building downtown, and

The Avenue of Trees, which once flanked the Lincoln Highway, date back to the early days of the

Columbus (Pop. 21,414) **(1) (1) (1) (2)** ★ ▲

Dusters Restaurant/Gottberg Brew Pub, named for the long jackets

state. Housed in the unique Gottberg building, which was built in 1920

to assemble and sell Fords, antique cars made of cement ornament the

tops of the outside walls. Historic Glur's Tavern, established in 1876, is

worn by travelers on the Lincoln Highway, is one of the best in the

the oldest continuously operated tavern west of the Missouri River.

old route is marked with painted signs on utility poles through town.

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Lincoln Highway and mark the former camping location in Duncan.

House on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, renamed for the Lincoln Highway, has been serving guests since 1887. The

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Originally a bank, the Corner Café has been operating since the 1930s.

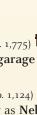
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The old Fremont post office has been renovated and is open to the public on weekdays. The building features Lincoln Highway and post office exhibits, free publications and maps. Three blocks of original Lincoln Highway bricks remain on 10th Street, between Broad and Nye Streets. Metal Lincoln Highway signs mark the route through town.



A few miles west of Kearney is the old Covered Wagon tourist stop, with the covered wagon and concrete oxen still outside. The main building, oxen and wagon are currently being restored. Just east of this location was the 1733 Ranch, where a sign read "1733 miles to Frisco, 1733 miles to Boston."The Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA) is housed in a 1911 Renaissance Revival building that once served as a post office. MONA collects, preserves and exhibits work from artists with connections to Nebraska. Kearney's historic downtown district, called "The Bricks," is adjacent to the Lincoln Highway.





Gibbon (Pop. 1,775) ¶ 🗗 🖃 ★ 🛕

An old Ford garage is now an antique car restoration shop on Highway 30.

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Known today as Nebraska's Lincoln Highway capital, Shelton has two blocks of original bricks and painted utility poles to mark the old route through town. An old Bromoseltzer billboard at the brick intersection is being refurbished. The Lincoln Highway Visitors Center is located in the old bank from the era on Highway 30, featuring Lincoln Highway exhibits, memorabilia and brochures.

#### Wood River (Pop. 1,228) **■ △**

On the east edge of town is the historic Gloe Brothers Service Station, which has been carefully converted into a drive-thru bank.

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See the historic downtown district, including the Grand Theatre, a 1937 Art Deco Theatre on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, just off the Lincoln Highway. A museum of Grand Island show houses is in the basement. Call ahead for a tour. Movies every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The tiny Kensinger Filling Station, east of town, has been open since 1933. Just north of the Kensinger Station is the only piece of original Seedling Mile that remains in the U.S. Poured in 1915 it is a nationally significant piece of remaining road. Further east, on the corner of Highway 30 and Shady Bend Road, stands the filling station building from the Shady Bend Cabin Camp. The camp was well known for its tennis courts, pool, and roaming herd of buffalo.



The Lincoln Highway entrance to Nebraska was moved from Omaha to Blair in 1930, making the route 33 miles shorter, thanks to a new bridge across the Missouri River. A monument has been placed at a forgotten corner of the Lincoln Highway "B-Line" through Blair at 10<sup>th</sup> and Jackson

Union Station was a bustling train station and a popular restaurant stop for Lincoln Highway

travelers in Omaha. Today it houses the Durham Museum, the region's premier history museum

and an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. Built in 1905, Saint Cecelia's Cathedral in Omaha

has its own museum that tells the history of how it took 50 years to complete this Spanish-style







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